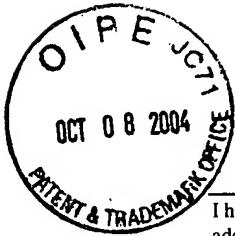


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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on July 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following remarks.